

A divine prism

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The Bible is the basic scriptural text for Christianity. For centuries, it has been an inexhaustible source for sermons and lessons. What makes this divine text so remarkable is that there are many levels which it can be understood. On a superficial level everybody is able to understand it. Yet there are many deeper levels that only a more in-depth study can reveal. This is because God has given mankind the ability to gain knowledge by studying and by revelation. Initially, the believer will easily be able to discover the simple, essential truths as they are easy to find, but to understand the truth about the deeper things of God takes more than mere studying. It takes that plus humility.

The Ten Commandments (pertaining to the Law of Moses) and the Sermon of the Mount (pertaining to the Gospel) are so clear and simple that no one can miss their meanings. In the scriptures we find that the teachings of Jesus were understandable even to those who were not humble or those critical of Him. To these people, Christ spoke in parables so that it would provide a challenge to their proud intellect. The scriptures contain Christ's method of teaching in parables, but there are also many other ways that the scriptures teach us. More specifically, I refer to the use of chiasm, symbols, numbers, kabal and, as of late, a certain code that has been found by computers in the Bible itself.

It seems that the scriptures are like a divine prism. If a ray of light goes through them, it will radiate in all directions and all places, thereby giving light and knowledge to the reader.

This has a double purpose. First and most important is that we can go from a simple, superficial reading of the scriptures, to exploring the wide field of divine revelation that the Creator has given us. This is what Paul was referring to when he talked moving on from milk to meat. Second, this proves to men without faith how perfect God's work is and how challenging and complex the scriptures can be to study.

From these two facts we can come to several conclusions that should not be underestimated. First is that only those who are meek and humble of heart have access to and can understand these deeper truths. We know that those who lack these qualities will miss even the simplest truths that can be understood. Christ taught that those who will humble themselves will be exalted. Only the people who become child-like and are obedient to the Father's will find the truth -- the real truth. Jesus taught this principle many times. And, in saying that the Kingdom of God was for little children, He revealed another great truth, because only those who are guided by revelation can find the truth and will discover the pearls of great price which are hidden in the scriptures.

Also, the teachings contained below the surface are for believers--not unbelievers. But, in order for even believers to understand the deeper teachings contained in the scriptures, they need the Lord's Spirit to illuminate their mind. Without this gift, it would be like a person blindly going through a labyrinth. However, the Holy Ghost has been promised only to those who are pure in heart.

With this understanding, let's take a closer look at this divine prism which is radiating light and

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knowledge in all directions.

The first layer below the surface is the parables. We can easily see that even the Apostles didn't understand the meaning of most of the parables that Jesus taught because they had to ask Him in private what they meant. But what was the purpose of the parables? I refer to a book by Cleon Skousen, entitled, "The Days of the Living Christ." He wrote, "The Savior was simply saying that the gospel of Jesus Christ is very precious and it involves significant moral, spiritual and intellectual obligations. Some people are ready for this encounter and some are not. The parables are designed to teach those whose hearts are humble and whose minds are ready for this powerful new dimensions of truth. For all those who are not ready, the parable remains a simple story with its hidden meaning carefully obscured. Since Jesus typically used parables in His teachings, we don't have them in the Book of Mormon. He spent the three days Jesus was in the Americas explaining His Gospel (initial crust) to simple and humble people who were ready to listen to Him."

The next layer after parables, is symbolism. Symbolism in the scriptures is used to galvanize the student into a deeper contemplation and when the symbol is understood, the impression upon a person's mind is comparable to an ancient document that has been sealed with wax, signifying that the contents are reserved only for that person for whom it is intended. Joseph Smith declared, "God's things are of deep import and time, experience and careful and ponderous and solemn thoughts can only find them out."

Joseph Fielding McConkie in his introduction of the book "Gospel Symbolism" declares: "For many within the Church, symbolism is a dead language. The difficulties of interpretation and the barriers posed by scriptural language have discouraged some saints from feasting upon the inspired word. But those hungering for this greater substance have turned to the scriptures and commenced the struggle to learn the language of revelation. They have discovered that to be fluent in the language of the Spirit, one must be fluent in the language of symbolism. Symbols are the language of feeling, and as such, it is not expected that everyone will receive them in the same way. Like a beautifully cut diamond (divine prism), they catch the light and then reflect its splendor in a variety of ways. As viewed at different times and from different positions, what is reflected will differ, yet the diamond and the light remain the same. Thus symbols, like words, gain richness in their variety of meanings and purposes, which range from revealing to concealing great gospel truths.

"Is there a sure way we can know that there are angels where there are no angels or find meaning where is none intended? The answer is simple. Appropriately it is found in the scriptures. "Truth embraceth truth." (D&C 88:40). Interpretations in full harmony with truths already revealed are like currency which is backed by the gold of Heaven. Conversely, any doctrine relying on the interpretations of a parable, allegory or symbol must be rejected. Let me state this another way. We do not deduce doctrine from parables. We do not concoct it from allegories. We do not wring it out of symbolic interpretation. But when that doctrine has already been revealed, when it has already been clearly stated in the scriptures and/or by living prophets, then responsible interpretations of parables, allegories or symbols that sustain the revelation already given are smiled upon by the heavens and may properly wear the label of divine truth.

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“Thus, our gospel understanding must always come first. Before we can understand the symbol, we must first understand the truth it is meant to convey. Understanding the principle must precede understanding the symbol. There is no substitute for good gospel scholarship and there is no gospel understanding that cannot be enriched by an improved knowledge of symbols and their meanings. Just as preparation and training increase our understanding and enjoyment of art and music, so does a knowledge of symbols increase our knowledge and understanding of the scriptures. Indeed, symbols are like music to the soul. Just like inspired music, symbols raise our feelings to greater heights as they testify of eternal truths.”

To help understand the power of symbols, let me give an example of one. The rainbow was given to us as a token by God to assure mankind that a flood will not come again as punishment. And the rainbow always comes after the rain. It is a product of the rain. In fact it is produced by the last drops of a rain. The rainbow joins earth and heaven to emulate the promise between earth and heaven (man and God). It also helps man to remember that the rain is no longer a curse, but instead reminds us that God’s covenant is still in force. We understand that the rainbow is not meant to signify that a terrible storm had taken place. Rather, it is meant to give us hope. It is a wonderful sign, signifying that life is good.

The language of numbers is another way that God shows men that everything is in harmony. Numbers are the basis for scientific progress, and in the scriptures everything is related to numbers. In geometry, which is the study of two and three-dimensional objects, we use mathematical formulas to help us measure all aspects of these objects. It is my opinion that the scriptures not only has a three-dimensional form, but they also contain a fourth dimension – time. The scriptures are the history of God’s dealing with man in the past, teachings for the present and prophecy of the future. This factor makes the scriptures a geometric and mathematical form of higher dimensions than others.

The digital interlacement, so strictly connected in the scriptures, is the natural key to finding the exact area and the exact volume of this splendid divine prism, that not only radiates throughout the universe with its divine light, but it is also the door to acquiring the knowledge that God has given to His offspring. To better understand this topic, please read my article entitled, "[Key for Numbers.](#)"

The Kabbalah is a more sophisticated form of the symbolism of numbers. In fact, it also involves the letters of the alphabet (in this case, the Hebrew alphabet). What is the Kabbalah? I will use the answer found in the introduction of the book, "Magic of The Cabal," by S. L. MacGregor Mathers, Mediterranean-Rome Edition. He writes, “The first questions that the readers will ask regarding this topic will be, What is the Kabbalah? Who was its author? What are its general teachings? Why is its translations required today?”

“I will begin by answering the last question. Today, a powerful wave of obscure thinking is coming on the scene. Many people are starting to acknowledge the fact that there are many more things on the earth and in heaven than their philosophy has previously led them to believe. And of no less importance, many people feel today that the Bible, probably the book most misunderstood of any book ever written, contains several obscure and mysterious passages that cannot be understood without a key whereby making it possible to understand the real

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meaning. This key is the Kabbalab.”

This study should interest every person who wants a greater knowledge of the Bible. Every Christian should ask himself: “How could I understand the Old Testament if don't understand the way in which the Hebrews understood it? And if I don't understand the Old Testament, how can I truly understand the New Testament?” If the real philosophy of the Bible was better understood, then there would be a less fanatic and factious people.

The Kabbalab can be defined according to Hebrew doctrine. Since my explanation will rely on many Hebrew and Chaldean words. and since there aren't many students of these languages, I will use normal Roman letters for the spelling of these words. In Hebrew, the name for Kabbalab is QBLH, which means “to receive.” The Kabbalab is received orally and is strictly connected to “tradition.” I will demonstrate this in a table (unfortunately in Italian).

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TAVOLA I. — ALFABETO CALDEO ED EBRAICO

N.ro	Suono o valore fonetico	Lettere ebraiche o caldee	Valore numerico	Caratteri romani	N.
1	<i>a</i> (aspirazione dolce)	א	1 (Le migliaia sono indicate	A	Ale
2	<i>b, bb</i> (v)	ב	2 con una lettera più gran-	B	Bet
3	<i>g</i> (duro) <i>gb</i>	ג	3 de; così una Aleph più	G	Gim
4	<i>d, db</i>	ד	4 grande delle altre lettere,	D	Dal
5	<i>h</i> (aspirazione forte)	ה	5 non significa 1 ma 1000)	H	He
6	<i>v, u, o</i>	ו	6	V	Vau
7	<i>z, dz</i>	ז	7	Z	Zay
8	<i>ch</i> (gutturale)	ח	8	Ch	Che
9	<i>t</i> (duro)	ט	9	T	Tet
10	<i>i, y</i>	י	10	I	Yod
11	<i>k, kb</i>	כ	20 Finale = 500	K	Cap
12	<i>l</i>	ל	30	L	Lam
13	<i>m</i>	מ	40 Finale = 600	M	Mer
14	<i>n</i>	נ	50 Finale = 700	N	Nun
15	<i>s</i>	ס	60	S	Sam
16	<i>o, aa, ng</i> (gutturale)	ע	70	O	Ayi
17	<i>p, pb</i>	פ	80 Finale = 800	P	Pe
18	<i>ts, tz, j</i>	צ	90 Finale = 900	Tz	Tza
19	<i>q, qb</i> (gutturale)	ק	100 (Le finali non sempre so-	Q	Qof
20	<i>r</i>	ר	200 no considerate dotate di	R	Res
21	<i>sb, s</i>	ש	300 un crescente valore nume-	Sh	Shin
22	<i>th, t</i>	ת	400 rico)	Th	Tau

Nota: Va ricordato che in ebraico le vocali sono fornite da certi punti e segni aggiunti alle lettere. La translitterazione in lettere romane data nella quinta colonna di questa Tavola non intende fornire il suono delle lettere ebraiche, che è dato, invece, nella seconda colonna.

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ו א ת א ו פ ר ו א ת ח ו י
א מ ל כ ס ד מ ו מ ל כ ע מ
ו י מ ל א ת ב ש ר ע ר ל ח
ה **ה** **נ** **י** **נ** **י** **ת** **ק** **מ** ה
ת ע מ ש ר ש א ב ק ע **צ** א ר
ל ב ב ו ו ע ת ה א מ י ש כ
ק מ ד ו ע ב א ת מ א ל י ו
מ ד י ו ש מ ר נ י ב ד ר כ
ו ה **ק** ש ר י מ ל י ע ק ב ו
ל מ י א ל ה ל פ נ י כ ו א
ו ו **י** א מ ר ל ו א ל ה י מ
כ ו ד מ ה ש ל י כ ו א ת ו
מ ו **ה** מ ש ק ה ו ה א פ ה א
מ ה י ח ז ק ה ר ע ב ב א ר
י מ **ו** ל ח מ ו י ש י מ ו ל
ו ב נ י ו ב כ ר י ע ק ב ר

ו ו א ל ה ב נ י א ל ל י ב מ
ע נ ה ה ו א ע נ ה א ש ר מ צ
פ נ י מ ל כ מ ל כ ל ב נ י י
ח נ נ ב ע כ ב ו ר ו י מ ל
ע ק ב י ו ס פ נ ש ב ע ע ש
ת **י** ו ה נ ה א נ ח נ ו מ א ל
י א מ ר ל ו מ ה ה ח ל ו מ ה
ו ה **א** י ש ל א מ ר מ ה ת ב ק
ב נ ו י צ ל ה ו מ י ד מ ו י
י ה מ **נ** ש א י מ נ כ א ת ו צ
י ק ר ע א ת ב ג ד י ו ו י ש
נ ח מ **ו** י מ א נ ל ה ת נ ת
ז י ב ב ל ד ת ה א ת ו ו י ק
ל מ ו ת **ת** ה ו א ר א ח י ו

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